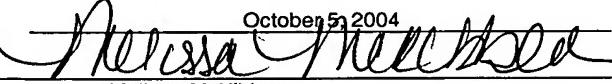


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## PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Darrell L. Metz et al.  
 Serial No.: 10/602,903  
 Filing Date: June 24, 2003  
 Title: MEDICAL ACCESSORY SUPPORT  
 Group: 3632 Examiner: Weinhold  
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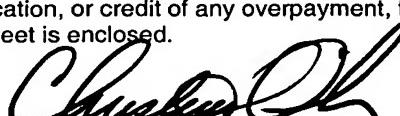
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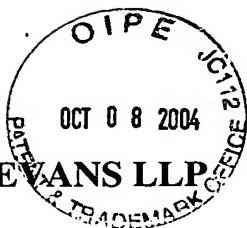
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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In response to the Final Office Action of August 5, 2004, please consider the following remarks.